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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. The Office Action**

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner withdrew his previous rejections of claims 78-83, 85-87, 90-99, 101-103, 106-115, 117-119, 122-131, 133-135 and 138-147 as being anticipated by Birnbaum and claims 78-83, 85-88, 90-99, 101-104, 106-115, 117-120, 122-131, 133-136 and 138-147 as being anticipated by Attia; withdrew the indicated allowability of claims 89, 105, 121 and 137 in view of Popat; and rejected all claims pending in the application (claims 78-83, 85-99, 101-115, 117-131 and 133-180) as being unpatentable over Popat (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,853,837 or 5,993,928).

In response to this action, claims 78-83, 85-99, 101-115, 117-131 and 133-180 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 181-244 have been added.

II. Summary of Telephone Interview of May 11, 2005 With Examiner

The new claims include new independent claims 181 and 200 and numerous claims depending from them. Each of these claims includes cut lines which are cut completely through a first layer of a multi-layered sheet but not entirely through a thickness of the multi-layered sheet. The sheet and the cut lines are constructed and adapted to cause the sheet structure to split on the cut lines when the sheet structure is bent on the cut line upwardly only once or downwardly only once. This structure uniquely and advantageously provides clean edges for the (printed) sheet portions without any microperforations or any tear edges and an easy user-friendly separation.

The undersigned Counsel for Applicant and Ronald Ugolick, Ph.D. thank Examiner Ahmad for the courtesies extended to them during their telephone interview of May 11, 2005.

During that interview only independent claims 181 and 200 (as set forth above) and U.S. Patents 5,853,837 and 5,993,928 (hereinafter the "Popat patents") were discussed. Counsel and Dr. Ugolick explained to the Examiner that:

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(1) Claim 181 (as set forth above) includes, *inter alia*: a multi-layered sheet; first, second, third and fourth cut lines which are not cut entirely through a thickness of the multi-layered sheet; and the third and fourth cut lines being parallel to each other and perpendicular to the first and second lines and intersecting them.

(2) Claim 200 (as set forth above) includes, *inter alia*: a multi-layered sheet; a plurality of cut lines which are not cut entirely through the thickness of the multi-layered sheet; and the entire perimeters of each of the individual sheet portions are formed by the cut lines or a perimeter edge of the sheet.

(3) The Popat patents disclose parallel side (or end) edges of each of the business cards being formed by substantial cut lines and opposite parallel end (or side) edges being formed by through-cut lines.

(4) Accordingly, neither of claims 181 or 200 is anticipated by nor obvious in view of the Popat patents separately or together.

The Examiner stated that claims 181 and 200 would be allowable over the Popat patents if Applicant submitted a Declaration stating that if the sheets of the Popat patents were a multi-layered sheet that the through-cut lines would still be through-cut lines; that is, the lines would extend through the entire thickness of the sheet.

III. Discussion of Patentability of Claims

A Declaration as requested by the examiner is submitted herewith.

Accordingly, claims 181 and 200 and those depending therefrom are patentable.

IV. Concluding Remarks

It is thus respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel at (213) 689-5142 to seek to resolve them.

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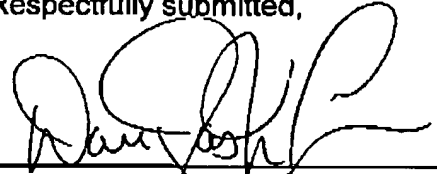
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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